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150 Years Young

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Today I glimpsed an answer to a puzzling mystery: the appeal and influence of Georgetown Visitation Convent — an appeal lasting through seven generations and an influence that is world-wide.

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Teen Talks
First Stop -- Frankfurt

By NORMA DE PREZ

Here I come, ready or not, with the second installment of (and I wince a little at the old expression) my trip to Europe. My memories have just turned three weeks old and are as yet showing no signs of wear around the elbows, in fact, they are guaranteed good for a life time.



AT THIS STAGE of the same old Father Time was pointing to the wee hours of the morning. Dad and I made our weary way down a street off the square to our hotel. It has an impossible name that used every letter of the alphabet at least once and some twice.

A MODERN MOTOR bus brought us from the airport into the city and although Miss Post would hate me, I scrambled for a window seat. An eerie darkness lingered about the bombed ruins and its shadows played among the buildings' skeletons.

THE OTHER furnishings in the room consisted of an old fashioned wardrobe, an oil cloth covered table and bed with a tremendous amount of terrifying, leather comforter.

IN ITS OWN simple way the tale of mayhem is a brain twister a problem of reason and logic in which man can demonstrate his most characteristically human endowment of going from premise to conclusion. Besides, no tale is done until right has won over the wrong so that we may possibly consider the who dunit to be the last stronghold where justice obviously triumphs over evil.

HOWEVER, IT IS really the '50 Passion Play Plans Progress

Munich (N.C.). To pave the way for a successful performance of the famed Passion Play of Oberammergau next year...

THE BAVARIAN government has guaranteed a million-mark credit which the Oberammergau municipality will use to finance the remodeling and repair of the Passion Play theater and also to provide better living quarters for the tourists expected.

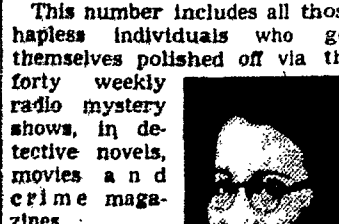
Additional funds are to be raised by the issuance of a special Oberammergau Passion Play postage stamp.

All the men of Oberammergau who expect to take part in the Passion Play have been asked to let their hair and beards grow from now on, so as to be ready to assume their parts when the rehearsals start late this fall.

Women's Viewpoint
Just Gore, No More

MARIE WEIDMAN

There are about three thousand victims per year conventionally strangled, shot, poisoned or pushed off cliffs in order that the lot of us may be cozily entertained at our firesides each evening.



This number includes all those hapless individuals who get themselves polished off via the forty weekly radio mystery shows. In detective novels, movies and crime magazines.

Nothing seems to prove more absorbing than a well turned out Marie Weidman murder mystery; the prospect, that is, of a blonde in black satin rendered defunct on her white dian torture device can put any mystery fan into delicious anticipatory mood.

HOW QUICKLY DOES reality retreat when we join some intrepid eccentric of a detective on a sortie into a plucky country house for the dastardly murderer of the beautiful Hilda von Smoot? And the infinite satisfaction the reader feels as some not-too-engaging character reaches for the cyanide (You'll never take me alive!) and slumps onto the oriental!

Then the hero, the detective quoting some obscure quote from the Latin Ovid goes back to his avocation of raising Belgian Hares, orchids or Old Ned.

Although the numbers of murder mystery addicts may be large, they are a discriminating and demanding crowd. Since most of them fight their way through the plot on the heels of the sleuth, they insist on a logical plot with a fair solution.

Any mystery writer, for instance, who introduces a stray character in the last chapter as the murderer can go right back to sawing ladies in half or selling Fuller brushes. Such strategy is just not cricket after a reader has sat out the plot to the bitter end.

IN ADDITION to seeking a mental workout, mystery fans enjoy their murder mostly it seems when it occurs in the upper levels of our society. In other words, fictionally we ask that all the blood stains be blue and that the victim be pinioned by a Morocobanded knife in his library chair, an middle class Joe who gets dispatched by a bullet as he calmly makes out his income tax blank wouldn't sell through the first edition.

We demand that our characters be able to dream and on-casualty recognize a Pias so or a couplet by Pope. They must generally be a bit saddened by human folly or at least that folly they may have glimpsed from the rear view mirrors of their custom convertibles. Their contrapoints with violence always solve them and occasionally on the venture apt aphorism on the wretchedness of the wealthy.

REMEMBER Mother!

If you write us TODAY—there will still be time to send our attractive Gift Card to your mother—for Mother's Day, May 8th. It is the loveliest gift that you can give Your Mother—the Mass. You can even give it for—mothers who are gone. But, send the name, address and Mass offering—Today.

BEFORE YOU BUILD A CHURCH

Many American Bishops have instructed their priests to "Build a School Before You Build a Church". They know that without teachers—religious and lay—without schooling, there can be no Church of the future. For the solid foundation of any Church—Holy Chapel or lofty Cathedral—was laid first, in the minds and hearts of the Faithful, by the teachers and schooling which the Faithful received.

NOW YOU HAVE THEM

Now that the Easter parade is finished, and you have proudly worn those Easter clothes—you have used clothes which you can spare for our Refugees. Please ship them, at once to our CNEWA Warehouse, Flushing Avenue, Masspeth, L. I. Even one dollar sent to our office will help pay ocean freight charges.

SAINT MONICA YIELDS

St. Monica—saintly mother of the penitent St. Augustine—yields her place this year in the Church Calendar, May 8th to good St. Joseph. But she still hopes that you will observe her feast with a donation to our MONICA Guild. This dollar-a-month club buys vestments, linens, altar cloths for our Near East Churches. For thirty dollars you can give a complete set of vestments—and they are sadly needed. Will you?

THREE-TEN

During Our Lady's Month of May we hope to fill up Mary's Bank. Ten cents a day totals three dollars and ten cents for the month. If one thousand lovers of Our Lady will do this during May we can support six Medical Mission Sisters who want to take courses at a reconverted Medical Center to become Medical Superiors—but lack the necessary funds. Do this—please—in Mary's honor and in Mary's Name.

IDICULA PNDUYATH

Not a misprint, but the name of one of our five seminarians at Mangalore, India. He will—please God and thanks to your generosity—become a priest in one of the most fertile mission fields in the world today—with Archbishop Mar Ivanios. He needs only one hundred dollars a year for the next six years—to complete his study and training. By adopting this young devotee you will Make MANY CONVERTS FOR CHRIST. You may pay his tuition in installments if you wish.

FINDING THE CROSS

Most of us do not have to go looking for the Cross. St. Helena did. She wanted to find the True Cross in which Our Savior died. By a miracle it was discovered by her and the Church observes that discovery on May 3rd. Father Kurialkose asks a large five foot cross for his new Jacobite Church. For fifty dollars we can send it to him—in your name and for your intentions.

BACK TO ROME

That fearless, wise and holy woman St. Catherine of Siena—feasted on April 30th—was not content until the Vicar of Christ left Avignon and came back to Rome. Our organization was founded to help bring the dissidents of the Eastern Churches—back to Rome—to the Vicar of Christ. Your Stringless Gift that is sent where God wants it most—where it is needed quickly—helps to bring thousands "back to Rome." Every stringless gift—one dollar to a hundred—helps us to help the outcast, the hopeless and the helpless.

BRIEFS

A set of fifteen genuine Religious Postage Stamps goes to every contributor to our Cardinal's Refugee Fund. Mass Intentions are still the main support of our Refugee Priests. Send them to our office.

Send all communications to:

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

480 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York 17, N. Y.

Happy Courtship Stressed in New Book on Marriage

Notre Dame, Ind. — "Courtship and Marriage," a new book designed to prepare young people for a happy and successful marriage and to stem the mounting tide of divorces, has been authored by the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien, Professor of Religion at the University of Notre Dame.

The book, a forthright treatment of the meaning and obligations of the married state, has just been published by the St. Anthony Guild Press of Paterson, N. J.

FOLLOWING AN introduction which recalls the divine origin of marriage and its spiritual character, Father O'Brien devotes chapters in the new book to such subjects as "choosing a partner," "safeguarding chastity during courtship" and "achieving harmony in married life."

Father O'Brien's book presents an analysis of the Catholic Church's stand on mixed marriage, divorce, birth control and abortion. It also discusses in detail impediments, dispensations, regulations and procedures—showing the reasons, supernatural and natural, that motivate the Church's rulings and recommendations.

Woodrats have been reading 1842, the date of Poe's first effort by every one from Abraham Lincoln and Oliver Wendell Holmes' right on down. These tales are undoubtedly the greatest reliever of tensions and worries to which we have easy, simple access.

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